

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/752,942

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The Amendment filed 04/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 October 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative Shelley Beckstrand on 06/08/05.

3. The Specification is amended as follows:

In page 46, replace text of line 16 with "09/752,115, assignee docket LOT9 2000 0022 US1".

4. Claims are amended as follows:

Claim 1: A method for creating a place type from which new places are created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:  
creating a first place including a configuration specifying members and their respective roles, a data structure including at least one room form and included page form, aesthetics, and at least one skin group for a team project;  
rendering said first place as a an existing place;  
responsive to user command, saving said existing place as a place type from which other places are to be created with said configuration in said collaboration space; and

rendering a second place as a copy of said place type, said second place being a fully functioning collaborative space including members with specific roles, data structure including folders and rooms and aesthetics created by said place type from said existing place;

responsive to place manager selection:

selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said new place by not presenting decorate options in said place type;

selectively displaying a description of said place type;

displaying source information for said place type, including name and address of collaboration space place on which said place type is based;

selectively hiding and redisplaying names and descriptions of place types in a list of available place types created by place type authors and transportable among plurality of servers;

selectively update said new place created using said place type when said place type changes; and

selectively copying said place type from a server on which said place type was created to another server.

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Claim 2:

Line 23: replace "a create a collaboration space place" with "an"

Line 24: after "interface" insert " for creating a place in collaboration space"

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Line 3 replace "user what's new request" with  
" "what's new" request entered by a user"

Claim 11 A method for creating a plurality of place type place types from which new places are to be created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:  
creating a first place;  
rendering said first place in collaboration space;  
saving said first place a place type;  
creating a new place as a copy of said place type, said new place being a fully functioning collaborative space;  
rendering said new place in collaboration space; and  
responsive to place manager selection:  
selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said new place by not presenting decorate options in said place type;  
selectively displaying a description of said place type;

displaying source information for said place type,  
including name and address of collaboration space place  
on which said place type is based;  
selectively hiding and redisplaying names and descriptions of place  
types in a list of available place types created by place type authors  
and transportable among plurality of servers;  
selectively update said new place created using said place type  
when said place type changes; and  
selectively copying said place type from a server on which said  
place type was created to another server.

Claim 12            A system for creating a place type from which new places  
are to be created in collaboration space comprising:  
a first place;  
said first place including a configuration of membership, at least  
one room form and included page form, and at least one skin group  
for a team project;  
said skin group defining a page read display mode, a  
page edit display mode, a folder list and response  
display mode, and a folder headline display mode;  
said place type created responsive to user command from a  
preexisting first place; each said new place created as a copy of

said place type and having said configuration within said collaboration space as a fully functioning collaboration space including members with specific roles, data structure including folders and rooms, and aesthetics copied from said first place; means responsive to place manager selection: selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said new place by not presenting decorate options in said place type; selectively displaying a description of said place type; displaying source information for said place type, including name and address of collaboration space place on which said place type is based; selectively hiding and redisplaying names and descriptions of place types in a list of available place types created by place type authors and transportable among plurality of servers; selectively update said new place created using said place type when said place type changes; and selectively copying said place type from a server on which said place type was created to another server.

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Claim 18

A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating a place type from which new places are created in collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

creating a first place including a configuration of members and their respective roles, and a data structure including at least one room form and included page form, and at least one skin group for a team project;

rendering said first place as an existing place;

responsive to user command, creating from said existing place a place type specifying collaborative space

characteristics including a members list and roles,

data structure, and aesthetics of said first place; and

creating as a copy of said place type a new place as a fully functioning collaboration place including said configuration of members and their respective roles and said data structures;

responsive to place manager selection:

selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said new place by not presenting decorate options in said place type;

selectively displaying a description of said place

type;  
displaying source information for said place type,  
including name and address of collaboration space place  
on which said place type is based;  
selectively hiding and redisplaying names and descriptions of place  
types in a list of available place types created by place type authors  
and transportable among plurality of servers;  
selectively update said new place created using said place type  
when said place type changes; and  
selectively copying said place type from a server on which said  
place type was created to another server.

Claim 19            The program storage device of claim 18, said method steps  
further comprising:  
responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser user  
interface for creating a place in collaboration space, displaying a list  
of custom place types;  
receiving from said user a name of a custom place type from said  
list, together with a name for a new place, user name and  
password; and  
responsive to verification of said user as authorized



by user name and password, creating a new place from said custom place type as a fully functioning collaboration space.

***Allowable subject matter***

5. Claims 1-19 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner has fully considered independent claims 1, 11, 12, and 18. The technique for creating a place type from which new places are created in collaboration space as recited in claims 1, 11, 12, and 18 are not taught by prior art. Salas teaches rendering eRoom in collaboration space. In Salas teaching, the template is utilized by the page builder application to render an eRoom at the client. German teaches cutting and pasting existing code to create patterns. Neither Salas nor German teaches "creating a new place as a copy of said place type, said new place being a fully functioning collaborative space"; "rendering said new place in collaboration space; and responsive to place manager selection: selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said new place by not presenting decorate options in said place type"; "selectively hiding and redisplaying names and descriptions of place types in a list of available place types created by place type authors and transportable among plurality of servers"; "selectively update said new place created using said place type when said place type changes; and selectively copying said place type from a server

on which said place type was created to another server” in a specific combination as recited in claims 1, 11, 12, and 18.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4057.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached at 571-272-4048.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

703-872-9306

and / or:

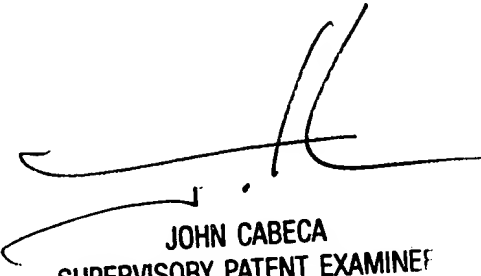
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